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FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA  
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 7. FOLLOWING IS AN  
UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS COMMENTS ON THAI FOREIGN  
POLICY.

CHARUNPHAN: IN ITS POLICY STATEMENT TO THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNMENT STATED ALIGNMENT OF FOREIGN  
POLICY IN PARAGRAPH 4, FROM 4.1 TO 4.5, WHICH I WILL  
READ TO YOU AGAIN.

4. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT

4.1 IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY, WILL TAKE  
AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES THE MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL  
INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY  
OF THE KINGDOM, AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF NATIONAL SECURITY  
AND THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION AND PEOPLE;

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4.2 AS HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE POLICY OF THAILAND,

WILL UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WILL ABIDE BY THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TREATIES CONCLUDED WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY;

4.3 WILL SAFEGUARD THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE NATION AND PEOPLE BY ENDEAVORING TO SEEK JUST SOLUTIONS BY PEACEFUL MEANS WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED;

4.R WILL BE FRIENDLY TO ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FRIENDLY TO THAILAND, IRRESPECTIVE OF DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, WILL ENDEAVOR TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THERE MAY BE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT GOOD AND NORMAL CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIPS, AND WILL READJUST RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES HAVING EXISTING CLOSE TIES IN CONSONANCE WITH THE NECESSITIES DICTATED BY THE SITUATION IN THE INTEREST OF MUTUAL AND EQUITABLE BENEFITS;

4.5 WILL PROMOTE AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO REGIONAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN), IN THE PROMOTION OF PEACE, STABILITY, AND PROSPERITY IN THE REGION.

I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY NEED TO GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS ON 4.1, BECAUSE IT CONSTITUTES BASIC POLICY FOR EVERY ERA. THIS IS MY VIEW. IT IS THE SAME IN REGARD TO 4.2, BECAUSE WE MUST UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WE MUST HONOR OBLIGATIONS UNDER VARIOUS TREATIES CONCLUDED, THEREFORE I WILL NOT GIVE YOU ANY ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS.

IN REGARD TO 4.3, I FEEL I SHOULD GIVE YOU ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS ON THE OBJECTIVE IN DRAFTING THIS ALIGNMENT OF BASIC POLICY. IT MEANS THAT SINCE IT IS OUR DUTY TO PERFORM DIPLOMATIC WORK AND TO IMPLEMENT REIGN POLICY, THE PRINCIPLE PUT IN PRACTICE BY THIS MINISTRY IS TO CONCENTRATE ON FINDING A WAY FOR MUTUAL COMPROMISE, BY ENDEAVORING TO SEEK JUST SOLUTIONS BY PEACEFUL MEANS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST BEAR UPPERMOST IN MIND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS POSSESSED BY THAILAND, NOT THE RIGHTS OF THE THAI NATION ONLY BUT THE RIGHTS OF THE THAI PEOPLE ALSO. AN EASY EXAMPLE THAT CAN UNCLASSIFIED

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BE CITED IS THE ISSUE ON TERRITORIAL WATERS, A TOPIC WHICH HAS CAUSED STRONG REPERCUSSIONS IN MASS MEDIA, AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND IN PARTICULAR TO OUR FISHERMEN.

REPORTER: IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT IT IS SAID THAT WE WILL READJUST RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN CONSONANCE WITH THE NECESSITIES DICTATED BY THE SITUATION?

CHARUNPHAN: THAT QUESTION CONCERNS THAILAND'S POLICY TO BE FRIENDLY TO ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FRIENDLY

TO THAILAND, IRRESPECTIVE OF DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. YOU ARE RIGHT. THERE ARE TWO MORE POINTS IN THIS PARAGRAPH ON WHICH I SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS. THE FIRST CONCERNS EFFORTS WE WILL MAKE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THERE MAY BE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT GOOD AND NORMAL CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIPS. THERE ARE SOME COUNTRIES WHICH STILL SUFFER MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR WITH WHICH GOOD UNDERSTANDING DOES NOT EXIST YET, OR WITH WHICH MUTUAL FRIENDLY FEELINGS DO NOT EXIST YET. OUR VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE BEING INDIFFERENT TO THIS; THEREFORE WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO MAKE MOVES STEP BY STEP IN ORDER TO CREATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

COMING TO THE SECOND POINT IN THIS PARAGRAPH, ON OUR READJUSTMENT OF RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES HAVING EXISTING CLOSE TIES IN CONSONANCE WITH THE NECESSITIES DICTATED BY THE SITUATION IN THE INTEREST OF MUTUAL AND EQUITABLE BENEFITS, AS YOU KNOW ALREADY THE WORLD OF TODAY IS CHANGING VERY RAPIDLY AND AN IMPORTANT CHANGE THAT CAN BE CITED IS THAT FROM CONFRONTATION TO ENDEAVORS TO FIND WAYS TO HOLD TALKS. THEREFORE THESE CHANGES ARE FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE COMPELLING THAILAND, WHICH IS NOT A WORLD POWER, TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT COORDINATES WITH THE WORLD SITUATION. SINCE THE WORLD SITUATION IS CHANGING RAPIDLY, AS AT PRESENT, WE MUST PLAN WHAT ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE TO THOSE CHANGES. THIS IS WHY THE WORD "RE-ADJUST" HAS BEEN USED.

IN REGARD TO 4.5, THAILAND WILL PROMOTE AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. I WILL HAVE TO SPEAK OF THE SITUATION IN ADJOINING COUNTRIES--LAOS, CAMBODIA, BURMA, AND MALAYSIA--COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A COMMON BORDER WITH THAILAND.

IN REGARD TO REGIONAL COOPERATION, EMPHASIZING IN  
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PARTICULAR ASEAN, I FEEL THAT PROBLEMS ARE SELDOM FACED; THEREFORE I WILL ONLY REASSERT THE SINCERE AND GREAT DESIRE OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE FIRM UNITY IN THIS ASSOCIATION, IN REGARD TO POLITICS, ECONOMY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE. RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON, ESPECIALLY AT THE RECENT ASEAN CONFERENCE, SHOW THE UNANIMOUS DESIRE OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER IN THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THIS REGION. WHEN EVEN THE MOST MINOR PROBLEM IS FACED WE ENDEAVOR TO FIND A JUST SOLUTION THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY REPERCUSSIONS. KINTNE  
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